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REMARKS

The contents of this Preliminary Amendment were submitted to the PTO by fax transmission on February 10, 2003 and again on March 26, 2003. For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants are resubmitting the Preliminary Amendment. Also for the convenience of the Examiner, Applicants include herewith a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement and PTO Form 1449 filed on March 4, 2003, listing four (4) references. Copies of the three (3) shorter references are included herewith. Due to its size, a copy of the 128-page reference, PCT Publication No. WO 99/02183, is not being faxed, but is easily accessible and can be provided for the Examiner upon request.

New Claims 60 and 61 have been added. The new Claims are supported by the specification and claims as originally filed and no new matter is added by any of the new Claims. Specific support is found, for example, in cancelled Claim 37; page 5, line 30 to page 6 line 2; and page 63, lines 28-29.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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